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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant invention claims a hollow polyhedral fine particles and a method to makes such particles. The closest prior art references that relate to the claimed invention are JP'986, Steigerwald et al article and EPA 0601594A1. The closest prior art references teach that it is known in the art to form hollow fine particles. However, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the instant invention wherein the specific structure of particles and the specific method to make such structures is claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to leszek b. kiliman whose telephone number is 571-272-1509. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, 6.30-5.00.

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